

**Re-organisation of National SC and ST Commission**

4066. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have a proposal to re-organise the National Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Commission;
- (b) whether the Commission is proposed to be bifurcated and there would be separate Commission for SCs-STs;
- (c) whether there is also a proposal to form a separate National Finance and Development Corporation; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Government has set up National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation by bifurcating the existing National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation. The Corporation is incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956. The Company has been allowed to have a total authorised share capital of Rs. 500 crore. The budget provision for the Corporation for 2001-2002 has been kept at Rs. 27 crores.

**Tribal population below poverty line in Andhra Pradesh**

4067. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of tribal population living below the poverty line in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) how it compares with the rest of the population of the State;
- (c) the poverty alleviation schemes being implemented for these tribals of the State; and
- (d) the results achieved, so far, in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) The Planning Commission estimates the percentage and number of persons living below the poverty line from the large sample survey

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data on household consumer expenditure, which is available at an interval of approximately five years. The estimates of poverty among the Scheduled Tribe population are available for the year 1993-94 based on the National sample survey data on consumer expenditure of the 50<sup>th</sup> Round. According to this 25.66% of Tribal population in rural areas and 46.68% in urban areas lived below the poverty line in Andhra Pradesh in 1993-94.

(b) As per the Planning Commission (Modified Expert Group), 15.92% of the total population in rural areas and 38.33% in Urban areas lived below the poverty line in Andhra Pradesh in 1993-94.

(c) and (d) Various schemes under the sectors of Agriculture/ Animal Husbandry, forestry, Minor Forest Produce operation, Minor Irrigation, Cottage & Small Scale Industries are being implemented under the strategies of Rural Development and Tribal Sub-Plan for eradication of Poverty and raising income levels of tribals. During the last three years, 3,95,600 Tribal families in Andhra Pradesh were economically assisted under these schemes so as to bring them above the poverty line.

**Development of Sabars community in West Bengal**

4068. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:

SHRI K. M. SAIFULLAH:

DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sabars community of Purulia in West Bengal still continues to live in the humiliation of nakedness, as reported in the Asian Age, dated 21st March, 2001;

(b) if so, the amount allocated under Indira Awas Yojana and under other plans for the development of the block; and

(c) the action proposed to enquire as to why no development took place in the area even after 53 years of independence?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (c) The report has come to the notice of the Government. The Union Government has already adopted Tribal Sub Plan strategy with the